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**Minutes
1st February 2016**

Present: Steve Watson, Les Watkins, Gary Tyrrell, Max Walters, David Wilson, Dallas Palm, Ross Fitzpatrick

Apologies: Don Couch, Michael Schwarcz

1. Correspondence

Taken as read.

2. Outstanding from previous meetings

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| 2.1 | 2015-10 Singles tournament – no progress | MS |
| 2.2 | 2015-10 mini-games - 'spider bowl-off' or 'bowl closest to the ditch' – Spider on Wednesday, Friday | LW |
| 2.3 | 2015-10 Monthly Mini carnivals – no progress | LW |
| 2.4 | 2015-10 Business competition on a Friday – no progress | MW |
| 2.5 | 2015-10 Bring a friend days/Open Days. See General Business | MW |
| 2.6 | 2015-10 New communications methods – no progress | DP |
| 2.7 | 2015-10 Honour Boards – electronic board partially updated. Steve to follow up | SW |
| 2.8 | 2015-10 Provide member welcome kit – kits have been provided to new bowlers. | |
| 2.9 | 2015-10 Provide soft copy of Member booklet on website – once available | DP |
| 2.10 | 2016-02 Advertising flyer on tables – new flyers will be used after the Open Day | DW |
| 2.11 | 2016-02 Orange Blossom Festival (replacement) - Gary waiting on update on who is interested in Men's & Ladies clubs | GT |
| 2.12 | 2015-12 Amend 'responsibilities of sub-committees section in the regulations' – draft (final) to be circulated to committee for approval | DP |
| 2.13 | 2015-12 Barefoot bowls pricing – Steve to discuss package with Sports club | SW |
| 2.14 | 2015-10 Cock of the Walk – no progress | MS |

3. Reports

3.1 President

No report.

3.2 Treasurer

Control sheet provided and discussed briefly.

Ross Fitzpatrick

3.3 Secretary

2016 Registrations:

RNSWBA still to process 2016 registrations. This has 2 impacts -

1. potentially players not noted as registered and hence not valid for Pennants; and
2. Zone capitation fees are based on data from RNSWBA (Warren Phillips - treasurer Zone10, advised 2/3/16 that he will hold off issuing invoices for short time whilst RNSWBA get renewals processed.

Member Booklet:

Under preparation – draft to be circulated for approval before handing to Sports Club to produce

Lockers:

Most lockers have been paid for - thanks to Ross for chasing payments.

A couple of lockers have been surrendered. Col Johnston has advised he will empty his locker shortly and return the key.

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3.4 Match Committee

No report.

Michael Schwarcz

3.5 Competition Panel

Round 1 pennant teams have been selected.

North Epping 9-a-side teams for 17th March have been selected.

Michael Schwarcz

3.6 Greens

The top green by the time this report is read by the Committee will be back in play. The playing surface has recovered better than expected as the weather conditions have been in our favour. Plugging has taken place in the south/west corner and plugging will commence in the north/west corner and along some edges as soon as the plugs are available. Ross Irwin is of the opinion that although the plugging will take place a little later than expected, there is sufficient time for growth before winter takes hold. Currently, even without the plugging, seven rinks can be accommodated running north/south.

The gum trees are still a major factor. The management of the Sports Club have advised that Hornsby Council have acknowledged the application for the trees to be inspected, however a date has not been advised. The issue has been discussed with Bob Cole. If nothing has eventuated within a week or so, there is another avenue that can be used. Bob has advised, that the Sports Club will not have any objection for a representative of the bowling section to be in attendance at the time of the inspection. If we can get the trees trimmed etc, the sooner the better.

On the subject of trimming, we are now into March and the hedges at the back and sides of the greens need addressing. As the Committee is aware; the hedges need to be trimmed if we are to

avoid wet corners during winter. The weather forecast for Autumn is indicating that we may be in for a wet period. May I suggest a follow up note be sent to the management of the Sport Club. I will leave this in your hands.

The bottom green is performing well, probably a little better than expected at this time of the year. The feedback from clubs that have played on the green has been very positive.

As mentioned in my last report, consideration is being given to purchasing a set of new score boards. This will allow both greens to be accommodated without having to move the score boards when a green or greens are turned. With the assistance of Bob Cole, a number of options have been considered and it is felt that we may be in a position to seek approval from the Sports Club. The score boards are not cheap. Some of the numbers on the current boards are also rusting. In looking around, we may have come across a second hand Big Board. It will require some work being completed on it but it will be easier to handle than some of the boards that we have.

We now have a complete set of rink numbers for the top green. One set are new, whilst the other set have been re-furbished by Cliff Johnstone. We also have sufficient rink pegs for all sides of both greens. They are all yellow with white caps. The new windsocks will be installed prior to the commencement of the pennant season.

Peter Eagle

Noted by committee that top green is playing well. Still dirt at park end. How do we get full 14 rinks available for TAT & Koala? Council still to advise about trimming of trees. Hedge trimming. Score boards are due shortly. Jack & bowl markers missing?

3.7 Coaching Panel

Two new students commenced coaching on 30th Jan by Michael & Dallas.

Michael Schwarcz

3.8 Selectors

No Report

Les Watkins

3.9 Umpires

No Report

Don Couch

3.10 Events Committee

TAT – tournament advertised on web and facebook. Entry forms distributed at PH TAT. Have received 13 entries so far.

Koala – Entry form available to be advertised and Michael has emailed to clubs. Gary to discuss meals with caterer.

Gary Tyrrell

3.11 Welfare

David has been doing a top job keeping in touch with members unable to attend bowls and advising on their progress.

David Roles.

3.12 Mixed

No report.

Gary Tyrrell

3.13 Communications Committee

No report.

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4. General Business

- 4.1 Shirts & Jackets – Geoff sorting out GMc
- 4.2 Pennant snacks – Steve will cover for 12th March, DW/SW to advise restaurant. SW/DW
- 4.3 School comp – get local schools into a comp? Galston? Cherrybrook? When do they have sport? Have a training session at front end then competition. MW/RF
- 4.4 School fees – what can we offer anyone that might come schools programme. How can Sports club help – need to take proposals to board for support. What about Hunter Bowls or other bowls supplier? Max/Ross/Steve
- 4.5 Carpet bowls – what would be needed to arrange? How much space? Discuss with Jason. How much to set up? How long do you play? Rules? Thursday night winter bowls? Use Jack-o-tack?
- 4.6 Chinese 31st March 10:00am-12:30pm. Max arranging. Volunteers needed (7+). Follow up to confirm if still on DP
- 4.7 RFS Corporate bowls - 13th March – 2pm – MW, DW
- 4.8 Problem with people putting names down for games and not advising not playing. Reminder to all to advise playing or not. DW
- 4.9 Smoking – changes – not allowed on grass area. Only on paved undercover area. Note to members DW
- 4.10 Open Day:
Jason is looking to put signage on street.
500 posters printed.
A3 poster on front desk (double sided with barefoot).
Internal advertising in Jason's hand.
Volunteers – let Max know asap. ALL

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 4th April 2016, commencing at 6:00pm.

Close 7:20pm